

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we*

September 23, 2018

**Welcome** everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

**Minister** to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

**Call out** each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

## **Conflict & Reconciliation Where Two or Three Meet**

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Gathering songs		Colleen Stoltzfus
	<i>What is this place</i>	H 1
	<i>O worship the Lord</i>	H 124
	<i>Wonderful grace of Jesus</i>	H 150
Welcome and Call to worship		Ursula Hess
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Confession		
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
God's work among us		Cindy Voth, Sabbatical leave
Congregational song	<i>Slowly turning, ever turning</i>	SJ 23
Children's time		Jo Ward-Selman
Scripture	Matthew 18:15-20	
Sermon	"Where Two or Three Meet—There is Conflict"	Velma Swartz
Song of Response	<i>Jesus, help us live in peace</i>	SJ 52
Congregational prayers		Neil Amstutz

Benediction

Sending song

*Dona nobis pacem*

H 346

H = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

**Living Stream Worship: The services are live streamed at [www.waterfordchurch.org](http://www.waterfordchurch.org)**

### Special Events this week

Today 4:30 p.m. Come help discern the important issues around Mennonite Education using Open Spaces Technology.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. We will give our BBI guests a warm welcome at the church entrance. Then, at 7:00, we will gather in the sanctuary where they will tell us about their faith journeys.

### Today

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship

8:00 a.m. Children's teacher meeting

9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship

9:30 a.m. Nurture hour – classes for all ages

4:30 p.m. Mennonite Education discussion

### Welcome Guests

Large print copies of the bulletin and the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Sermon boards for children are available at the back door; please pick one up as you enter. You are invited to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

### Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Maurice & Carol Lehman; Michelle & Chad Horning

Ushers Ken Otto, Jerry Golden, Dennis Myers (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Joanna Yoder (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Nursery Cindy Yoder, Sheldon Swartz (1<sup>st</sup>); Amanda Stoltzfus, Waneda Miller (Nurture);  
Ariana Stoltzfus, Lynda Hollinger-Janzen (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Audiovisual Bob Hochstedler, Jeff Claassen, Félix Pérez Diener

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

This week we remember in prayer college student *Nathan Berkey* who is a student at Goshen College.

For inspiration and encouragement for *participants and presenters* at the Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship, Thursday through Saturday at AMBS in Elkhart.

For the *many countries around the world* that believe that the key to self-preservation is to disassociate from others, focusing on themselves alone. May we learn how to recognize the humanity and dignity in others and see how their humanity shapes and determines our own.

*Martine Audéoud, Gary Wittig, and their son, Samuel*, have made their home in France to care for Martine's father. Pray for Gary and Samuel as they adjust to a new culture, and for Martine as she serves with Mennonite Mission Network as a seminary teacher in Ivory Coast.

Prayers of gratefulness for *Evonna King* who celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

We remember this week our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students *Alex Berkey, Andrew Abshire, Ava Chupp, Madilyn Chupp, Tyler Daniels, Isabella Hartzler, Christina Herrmann, Dylan Horning, Seth Kauffman, Allistair Linville, Anthony Moser, Miranda Pfahler, Teresa Ross Richer, Franziska Seiler, Carter Stoltzfus, Clayton Stoltzfus and Samantha Stoltzfus*, their shepherds *Anne Lehman* and *Christa Graber Kaufman*, and their teacher *JD Smucker*.

*The Pastoral Team* as they gather for a retreat on Tuesday for teambuilding and engaging in a discussion on personal conflict styles facilitated by Rick Stiffney.

*Thank you to Harold Helmuth for creating the cross that is part of the visual at the front of the sanctuary for this series.*

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship–298 (131+167); Nurture Hour–267

### Finances – September 16, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 8,641.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,925.00
Either Fund	\$ 4,155.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 14,721.50
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,026.00</i>
Least Coin Fund	\$ 39.00	Welcome Spaces	\$ 5,100.00
Service Adventure	\$ 50.00	The Window	\$ 75.00
Jubilee Fund	\$ 50.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 20,035.50</b>

My Coins Count Jar                      81 lbs.

### This Week at Waterford

Wednesday            6:30 p.m.    Venture Club & JYF  
                              6:30 p.m.    Welcoming BBI guests at the church entrance  
                              7:00 p.m.    BBI guest faith journey sharing/Sanctuary  
Thursday              7:00 a.m.    Morning prayers/Room 15

### Looking Ahead

September 30      Sermon: Bonaventure & Clarisse Akowanou  
October 7            Sermon: Germain Dossou; Fall Mission Sunday; World Communion Sunday  
                              Joint Nurture Hour with Beninese guests in sanctuary  
                              Fellowship meal hosted by Sojourners class

### Out of Office

Neil Amstutz        September 25-October 7  
Elvina Schmidt     September 23-25

### Pastoral Team

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